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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 18 December 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 18 March 2003. The considered claims, claims 56-69 were rejected. Applicants appreciate the thoughtfulness and courtesy extended their undersigned representative and patent counsel for assignee in an interview on 4 March 2003. Especially appreciated are the helpful suggestions made with respect to claim language. The amendment which follows adopts these suggestions. It is believed that agreement was reached as to allowability provided such amendments were offered. Careful consideration has been given to

the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response, taking account of the discussion at the interview. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.